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1. Cyprus:

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the Turks are getting edgy. The military staged a paradrop exercise Tuesday near Ankara which looked very much like a rehearsal for Cyprus.

They claim the Greeks are getting ready to move against Turkey from Thrace, and may use this to justify a buildup of their own in this area. Turkish forces, however, have not been put on the alert.

On Cyprus itself the pattern of only sporadic and isolated shootings persists as it has for some time now.

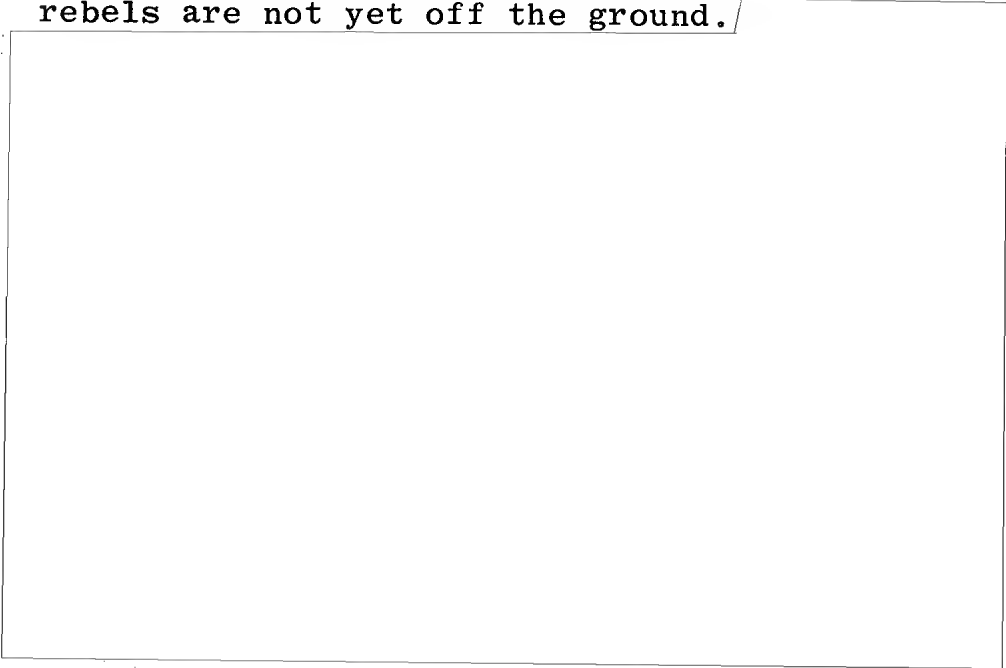
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2. Congo: Things have not been going smoothly for Tshombé.

He had to cancel his appearance at the OAU meeting in Cairo after his stated intention to attend led to a shocked outcry from Africa's leading nationalists. This stung Tshombé. At one point he was threatening to close the UAR, Algerian, and Ghanaian embassies in retaliation.

His efforts to put down the eastern Congo rebels are not yet off the ground.



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3. Pakistan: Ayub is to meet with Turkish President Gursel and the Shah of Iran in Istanbul on Monday. We expect that new regional cooperation arrangements in economic, technical, and cultural affairs will result.

While Ayub, still smarting over US aid to India, hopes that the new links will downgrade CENTO, we see no signs that the other two will help him kick over the traces.

The Iranians, for example, say that Ayub wanted a formal political tie-up but was unable to budge the Iranians or the Turks on this.

Yet another facet of Pakistan's "new policy trend" has been coming to light in statements by Ayub in London at the Commonwealth conference.

He has subscribed to the need for a new 14-nation conference on neutralizing Laos. He followed this up by saying that Pakistan would not get involved in a confrontation between China and the US in Southeast Asia.

All the same, Ayub apparently does not for the moment intend an abrupt pull out from either CENTO or SEATO.

4. South Vietnam: Three more battalion-sized Viet Cong actions this week have pushed the total of such actions to a record eight this month. This is, in fact, more than in any two-month period so far.

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The high level of activity is likely to continue, at least through the Monday anniversary of the 1954 Geneva agreement.

It may be extended over the weekend to include demonstrations and sabotage in the cities. This could include acts against Americans.

There is at least one hopeful sign. Vietnamese peasants, particularly in the crucial delta area, may be turning against the Viet Cong, who have been squeezing them pretty hard. This does not mean these peasants are yet fully committed to the government cause.

5. Laos: Friday's press stories of a Pathet Lao attack on Muong Soui were a false alarm.

Such an effort could develop quickly, however, should Souvanna go through with plans for Operation Triangle, the neutralist-rightist push north from Vang Vieng.

The kick off for this could come within ten days, if it has not been hopelessly compromised by barroom gossip and if the weather permits.

There was no discernible progress toward a Laotian summit meeting this past week. The latest wrinkle is an attempt by the French to get one going in Paris "under the aegis of De Gaulle."

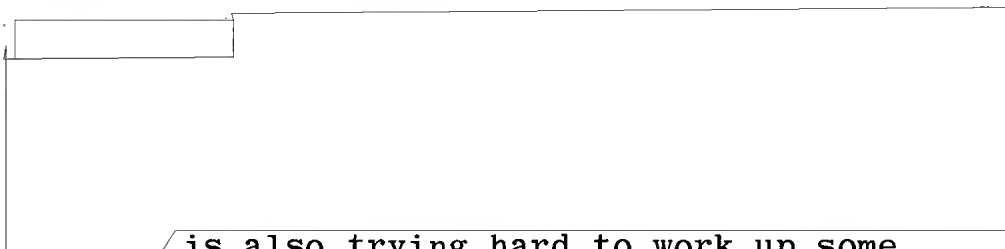
Political quarreling in Vientiane seems to have quieted a bit, but there are still many in the capital who could upset the present arrangements.

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6. British Guiana: The situation remains as explosive as ever. Numerous racial incidents occur every day, and Jagan's headquarters has been bombed.

Only effective patrolling and other security measures by the British have headed off large-scale reprisals.

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is also trying hard to work up some sort of a coalition government which would perpetuate him in power while restoring order.

Other political leaders, seeing Jagan on the run, are putting a high price on their cooperation.

7. USSR: The opportunity which Khrushchev handed Brezhnev this week to devote full time to party work does not make him heir apparent or even front runner for Khrushchev's mantle.

It does, however, permit him to compete on an equal basis with his chief rival for the job, Nikolay Podgorny.

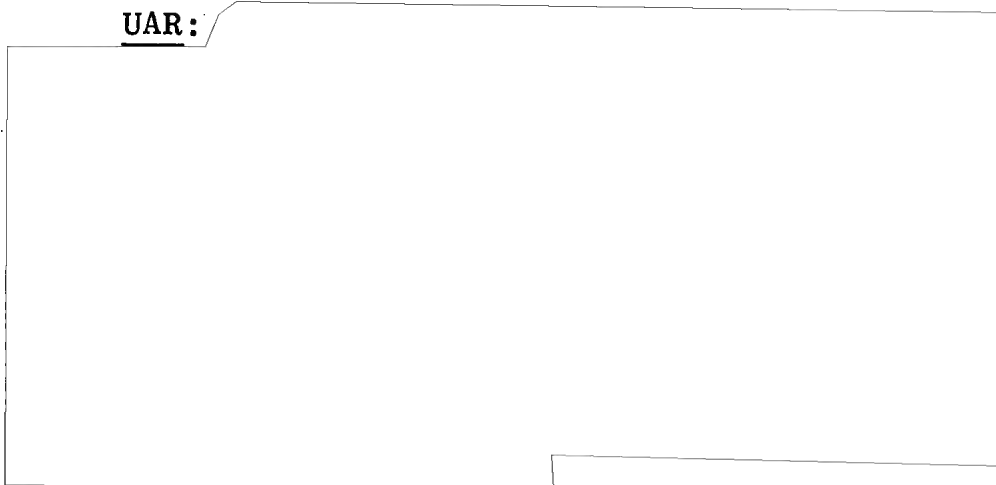
The naming of Mikoyan to succeed Brezhnev as president will not affect the Armenian's unofficial and largely personal status as senior advisor to Khrushchev and chief trouble-shooter abroad.

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Lebanon: Promoters of a second term for reluctant President Shihab have not given up.

They still hope for parliamentary approval of a constitutional amendment legalizing a second term, and are promoting demonstrations in favor of their man.

There is a chance that counterdemonstrations by their opponents could set off violent clashes.

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Haiti: The handful of rebels, who landed nearly three weeks ago, has Port-au-Prince in a turmoil.

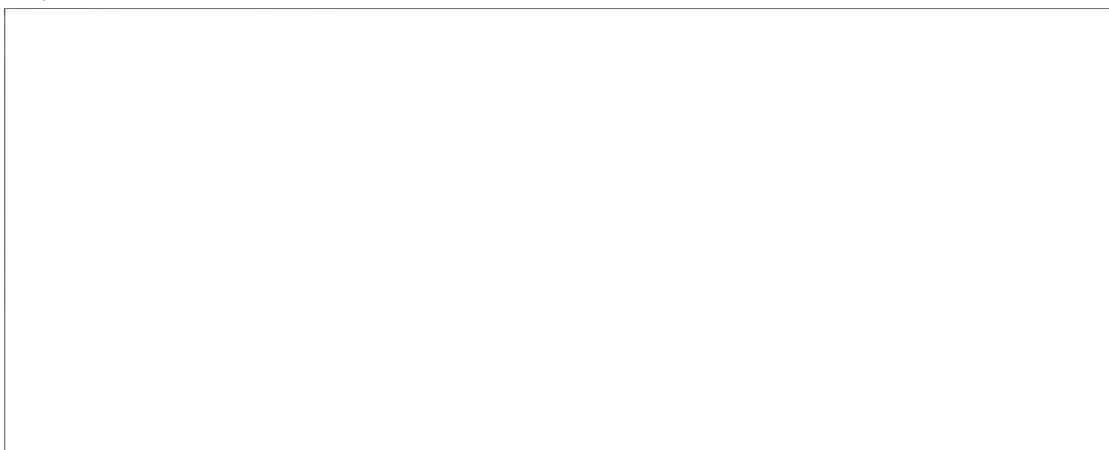


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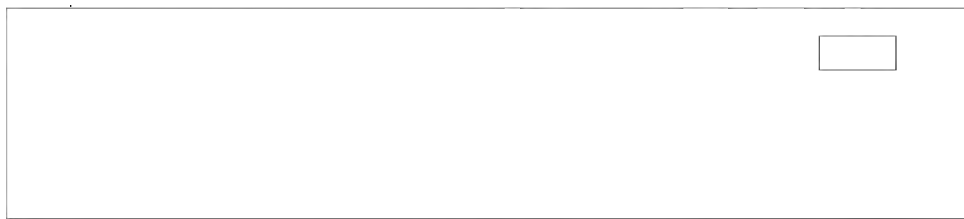
12. Cuba-USSR: Soviet deliveries to Cuba continue.

Two SO-1 class subchasers, due to arrive this month, will bring the number of subchasers the USSR has provided Castro to five SO-1s and six Kronshtadts.

In addition, eight IL-14 twin-engine transports have been offloaded this week. The Cuban Air Force has been using this type of aircraft on coastal patrol missions.

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13. Soviet Venus Probe: Zond I, the Soviet space probe launched from Tyuratam on 2 April, should be near Venus about Monday.



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14. India



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15. Tanganyika-Zanzibar: Nyerere asserts that Karume's illiteracy is one of the biggest obstacles to effecting the union. It seems that Communist hangers-on, who have had Karume's ear, take advantage of this to get his signature on decrees they are pushing.

16. UK-MLF: Though their reservations apparently are as deep as ever, the British have reaffirmed their agreement to work toward completion of an MLF charter by the end of the year, provided they will not be required to make a final commitment at that time.

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